

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

- Claims 26-30 have been canceled.
- In claim 21, "in any one" is inserted between "films" in line 1 and "of"; "and sodium cation" inserted between "carrageenan" and "and" in line ⁴3; ", wherein the film has a solids content of at least 50% based on all the components in the gel film and has a break force of at least 1,500 grams." is inserted at the end of line 10 [in item (ii)]
- In claims 24 and 31, "one" is inserted between "of any" and "of" in line 2
- In claim 42 insert ", sodium cation," between "flavorant" and ^{and} "water" in line ₁2.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants' declaration submitted November 16, 2009 was found to be persuasive. Briefly, applicants demonstrated that the kappa-2 carrageenan as compared to a physical blend of kappa carrageenan and iota carrageenan in a film formulation had better flow